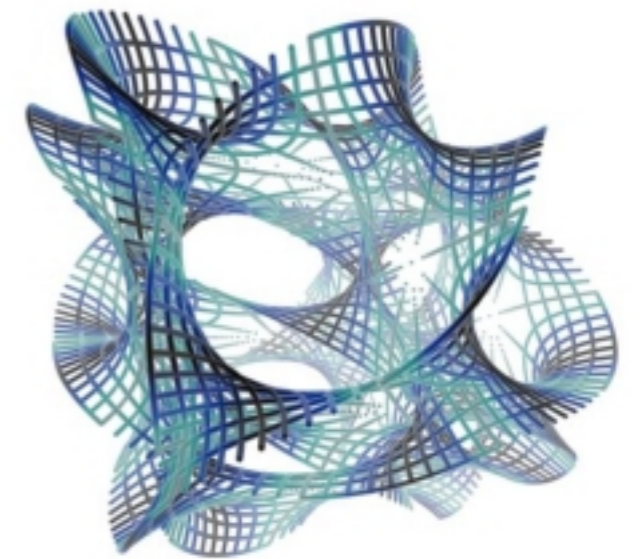


# Geometry, Non- Geometry and String Theory

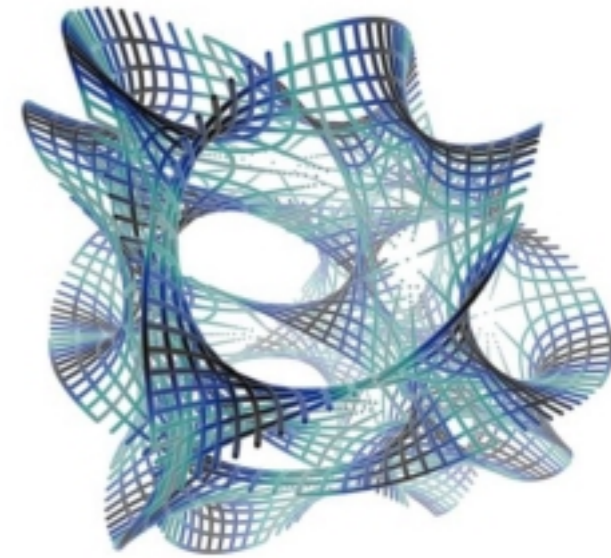


**Special Geometric Structures in Mathematics &  
Physics**

Hamburg, 2014

# Plan of Lectures

- Overview
- Generalized Geometry and all that
- T-duality
- T-folds, non-geometric backgrounds.  
Doubled sigma-models
- Double Field Theory



# Geometric Structures

- Riemannian: manifold with metric  $(M, g)$
- Metric + p-form gauge field  $(M, g, C_p)$
- 1-form field: Connection on Bundle over M
- p-form gauge field: Gerbe Connection
- Metric + 2-form: Generalised Geometry
- Metric + p-form: Extended Geometry

# Structures in D dimensions

- Generalised Geometry: metric + B-field,  
natural action of  $O(D,D)$ , tangent space  
“doubled” to  $T \oplus T^*$  Hitchin
- Extended Geometry: metric+p-form+...,  
natural action of some group, typically an  
exceptional group, tangent space extended  
to  $T \oplus \Lambda^{p-1}T^* \oplus \dots$
- e.g.  $D=6, p=2: G= E_6, \quad D=7, p=2: G= E_7$   
CMH  
Waldram + ...

# Gravity, Supergravity and Strings

- Gravitational field: metric on spacetime
- Supergravity: metric plus p-form gauge fields
- SUGRA effective part of full quantum theory: superstrings or M-theory. String theory has infinite tower of massive fields
- Physics: clues and insights to new geometry  
Geometry: helps solve physics

# Strings in Background

Manifold, background tensor fields  $G_{ij}, H_{ijk}, \Phi$

String propagation determined by sigma-model

$$S = \int d^2\sigma \sqrt{h} (G_{ij} h^{ab} \partial_a X^i \partial_b X^j + B_{ij} \epsilon^{ab} \partial_a X^i \partial_b X^j + \Phi R)$$

Target space coordinates  $X^i$

World-sheet coordinates  $\sigma^a = (\sigma, \tau)$

Fields  $X^i(\sigma^a)$  determine embedding **H=dB**

Conformal invariance of 2-d theory constrains

$G_{ij}, H_{ijk}, \Phi$  - Gives target space field equations.

Quantum sigma model then defines a conformal field theory (CFT)

# Symmetries

- $(G, B, \Phi)$  satisfying field eqns determine CFT
- Same CFT can be given by  $(G, B, \Phi)$ ,  $(G', B', \Phi')$
- - if related by diffeos + B-field gauge transformations
- - if related by T-duality
- Same physics, so these are SYMMETRIES

# T-duality

- Symmetry of string theory on  $S^1$  or torus, not a symmetry of field theory
- Takes  $S^1$  of radius  $R$  to  $S^1$  of radius  $1/R$
- Exchanges momentum  $p$  and winding  $w$
- Exchanges  $S^1$  coordinate  $X$  and dual  $S^1$  coordinate  $\tilde{X}$
- Acts on “doubled circle” with coordinates  $(X, \tilde{X})$



# Symmetry & Geometry

- Spacetime constructed from local patches
- Symmetries of physics used in patching
- Reparameterisation symmetry: patching with diffeomorphisms, to give manifold
- Patching with gauge symmetries: bundles
- String theory has new symmetries, not present in field theory. New geometries.
- Non-geometric string backgrounds

- T-duality: perturbative symmetry on torus
- U-duality: non-perturbative symmetry of type II strings or M-theory on torus, exceptional groups
- Mirror Symmetry: perturbative symmetry of superstring on Calabi Yau
- Use in patching: T-folds, U-folds, Mirror-folds **CMH**

# String Theory in Minkowski Space

Infinite set of fields

$$g_{ij}(x), b_{ij}(x), \phi(x), \dots, C_{ijk\dots l}(x), \dots$$

Finite set of massless fields +  
infinite tower of massive fields

Integrating out massive fields gives field theory for

$$g_{ij}(x), b_{ij}(x), \phi(x)$$

# Strings on a Torus



- States: momentum  $p$ , winding  $w$
- String: Infinite set of fields  $\psi(p, w)$
- Fourier transform to doubled space:  $\psi(x, \tilde{x})$
- “Double Field Theory” from closed string field theory. Some non-locality in doubled space
- Infinite set of fields in doubled space

# String Theory on a Torus

Infinite set of double fields

$$g_{ij}(x, \tilde{x}), b_{ij}(x, \tilde{x}), \phi(x, \tilde{x}), \dots, C_{ijk\dots l}(x, \tilde{x}), \dots$$

- Fields on double space satisfy differential constraint
- T-duality symmetry
- Coordinates doubled, but tensor indices not

Seek **double field theory** for

$$g_{ij}(x, \tilde{x}), b_{ij}(x, \tilde{x}), \phi(x, \tilde{x})$$

- Novel symmetry, reduces to diffeos + B-field trans. in *any* half-dimensional subtorus
- Backgrounds depending on  $\{x^a\}$  seen by particles, on  $\{\tilde{x}_a\}$  seen by winding modes.
- Captures exotic and complicated structure of interacting string: **Non-polynomial, algebraic structure homotopy Lie algebra, cocycles.**
- T-duality symmetry manifest
- Formalism for T-folds etc
- Generalised T-duality: no isometries needed

**Earlier work on double fields:  
Siegel, Tseytlin**

# Double Field Theory

Hull & Zwiebach

- Double field theory on doubled torus
- General solution of string theory: involves doubled fields  $\psi(x, \tilde{x})$
- DFT needed for non-geometric backgrounds
- *Real* dependence on *full* doubled geometry, dual dimensions not auxiliary or gauge artifact. Double geom. *physical* and *dynamical* (with weak constraint)
- For torus fibrations, fibres doubled. What happens for more general spaces?

- Generalized Geometry: double tangent space to manifold  $M$
- Double Geometry: Double manifold  $M$  (if  $M$  is torus). Tangent space doubles too. (Double fibres for torus fibration)
- DFT: Fields in doubled space. (With strong constraint, truncates locally to field theory written in terms of generalised geometry.)
- Non-geometric backgrounds: string theory solns., not manifolds with smooth fields. Double geometry provides a formulation.



# Generalised Geometry

Studies structures on a  $d$ -dimensional manifold  $M$  on which there is a natural action of  $O(d,d)$  **Hitchin**

$$T \oplus T^*$$

Vector + 1-form

$$V = v + \xi \in T \oplus T^*$$

$$V^I = \begin{pmatrix} v^i \\ \xi_i \end{pmatrix}$$

$O(d,d)$  Metric

$$\eta(v + \xi, v + \xi) = 2\iota_v \xi$$

$$\eta = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{1} \\ \mathbb{1} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$O(d,d)$

$$V \rightarrow gV$$

$$g^t \eta g = \eta$$

$$\iota_v \xi = v^i \xi_i$$

# Generalised Metric $\mathcal{H}_{IJ}$

Gualtieri

Positive definite metric on  $T \oplus T^*$  compatible with  $\eta$

$$\eta^{-1} \mathcal{H} \eta^{-1} = \mathcal{H}^{-1}$$

$S = \eta^{-1} \mathcal{H}$  satisfies  $S^2 = \mathbb{1}$

Real structure

Parameterised by  $G = G^t, B = -B^t$

$$E = G + B$$

Metric  $G$  and B-field  $B$

$$\mathcal{H} = \begin{pmatrix} G - BG^{-1}B & BG^{-1} \\ -G^{-1}B & G^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$O(d,d)$ :

$$\mathcal{H} \rightarrow g^t \mathcal{H} g \quad E \rightarrow (aE + b)(cE + d)^{-1}$$

Parameterise coset

$$\frac{O(d, d)}{O(d) \times O(d)}$$

# Geometric Subgroup

$$g = \begin{pmatrix} M & 0 \\ \Theta & (M^t)^{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$G \rightarrow M^t G M, \quad B \rightarrow M^t B M \quad GL(d, \mathbb{R})$$

$$B \rightarrow B + \Theta \quad \mathbf{B-shifts} \quad \Gamma(\mathbb{R}) \subset O(d, d)$$

# Transition Functions

$$T, T^*, T \oplus T^* \dots$$

$$GL(d, \mathbb{R}) \quad \frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j}$$

# Symmetries

## Generalised Tangent Bundle:

Transition functions  $\Gamma(\mathbb{R})$   $\Theta$  exact

$$B' = B + d\lambda$$

Rest of  $O(d, d)$  not symms, can't be used as transitions

Suggestive to think of  $T \oplus T^*$  as  $O(d,d)$  bundle

Really  $GL(d, \mathbb{R})$  bundle

Transition Functions  $GL(d, \mathbb{R})$   $\frac{\partial x'^i}{\partial x^j}$

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If  $M$  has an  $n$ -torus fibration, string theory has  $O(n, n; \mathbb{Z})$   
T-duality symmetry. Suggests using this for  
transition functions in string theory

T-fold

CMH

# Type I Extended Geometry

Action of  $O(d,d)$

$$T \oplus T^*$$

$$G, B_2$$



cf Brane charges

Generalised metric

$$\mathcal{H}_{IJ} \in \frac{O(d,d)}{O(d) \times O(d)}$$

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Type II:  $O(d,d) \longrightarrow E_{d+1}, \text{ add RR fields}$

# Type I Extended Geometry

Action of  $O(d,d)$

$$T \oplus T^*$$

cf Brane charges

$$G, B_2$$



Generalised metric

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Type M:  $O(d,d) \longrightarrow E_d, \quad B_2 \longrightarrow C_3$

$$T \oplus T^* \longrightarrow T \oplus \Lambda^2 T^*$$

# Type M Extended Geometry $d \leq 4$

Action of  $E_d$

$$T \oplus \Lambda^2 T^*$$

$$G, C_3$$



cf Brane charges

Generalised metric

$$\mathcal{H}_{IJ} \in \frac{E_d}{H_d}$$



# Type M Extended Geometry $d \leq 7$

Action of  $E_d$

$$T \oplus \Lambda^2 T^* \oplus \Lambda^5 T^* \oplus \Lambda^6 T$$

$$G, C_3, \tilde{C}_6$$



cf Brane charges

Generalised metric

$$\mathcal{H}_{IJ} \in \frac{E_d}{H_d}$$

# Symmetries and T-Duality

# Spacetime: Torus $\times$ $N$

$$M = T^d \times N \quad N \text{ some non-compact space}$$

**Gravity:** Symmetry  $GL(d, \mathbb{Z})$

from large diffeomorphisms on  $T$

Modes with dependence on  $T$  have  
quantized momentum (Fourier modes)

**Effective theory** on  $N$ : Symmetry  $GL(d, \mathbb{R})$ ;  
fields with no dependence on  $T$

$$M = T^d \times N$$

## **Gravity + B-field**

Effective theory on  $N$ : Symmetry  $O(d,d)$

Full quantum theory: **String theory**

Symmetry broken to  $O(d,d;\mathbb{Z})$ , contains  $GL(d,\mathbb{Z})$

Exact **T-duality** symmetry of string theory

Includes strange non-geometric transformations

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## **Gravity + C-field+...**

Effective theory on  $N$ : Symmetry  $E_{d+1}$

Full quantum theory: **M-theory**

$E_{d+1}(\mathbb{Z})$  Exact **U-duality** symmetry of M-theory

# T-Duality

$$X = X_L(\sigma + \tau) + X_R(\sigma - \tau), \quad \tilde{X} = X_L - X_R$$

$X$  conjugate to momentum,  $\tilde{X}$  to winding no.

2-d version of electromagnetic duality  $X \rightarrow \tilde{X}$

$$dX = *d\tilde{X}$$

$$\partial_a X = \epsilon_{ab} \partial^b \tilde{X}$$

$$R \rightarrow \tilde{R} = 1/R, \quad n \rightarrow \tilde{n} = m, \quad m \rightarrow \tilde{m} = n$$

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Fundamental quanta  $\longleftrightarrow$  Solitons

Momentum  $\longleftrightarrow$  Winding

New Symmetry of physics: large R  $\longleftrightarrow$  small R

# Strings on d-Torus

Target space  $T^d \times \mathbb{R}^D$   $T^d$  Coordinates  $X^i, i = 1, \dots, d$   
 Moduli on torus (constant)  $G_{ij}, B_{ij}$   $E_{ij} = G_{ij} + B_{ij}$

T-Duality Symmetry  $O(d, d; \mathbb{Z})$

i) Large Diffeos

$$GL(d; \mathbb{Z})$$

ii) B-shifts

$$B \rightarrow B + \Theta, \quad \Theta_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

iii) Inversions

$$R_i \rightarrow 1/R_i$$

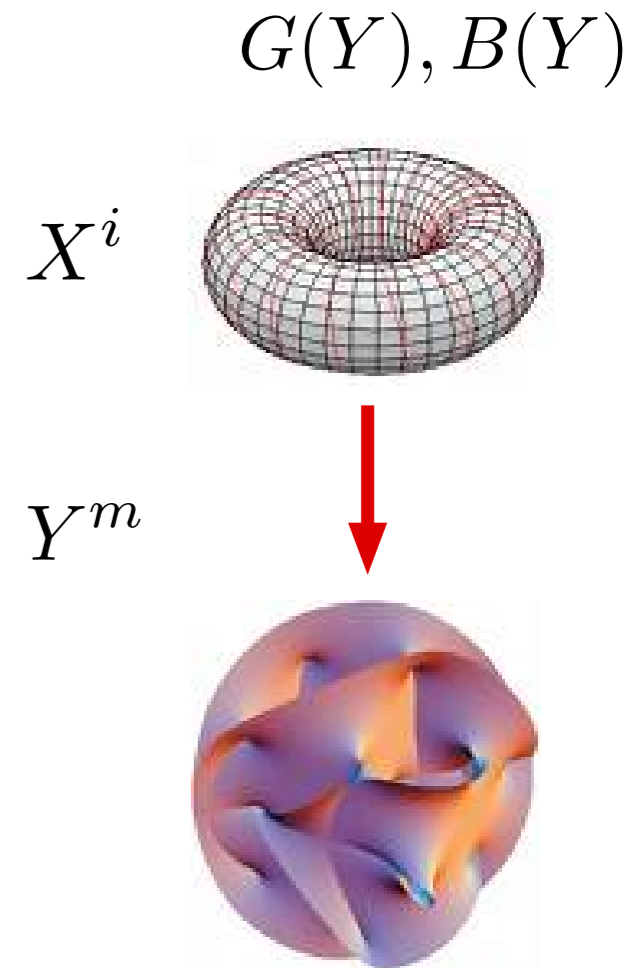
$$E \rightarrow (aE + b)(cE + d)^{-1} \quad h = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in O(d, d; \mathbb{Z})$$

$|p_i, w^i\rangle$  Lie in 2d-lattice, action of  $O(d, d; \mathbb{Z})$



# T-Duality

- Space has d-torus fibration
- G,B on fibres
- T-Duality  $O(d,d;\mathbb{Z})$ , mixes G,B
- Mixes Momentum and Winding
- Changes geometry and topology



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$$h = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \in O(d, d; \mathbb{Z}) \quad E_{ij} = G_{ij} + B_{ij}$$

On circle, radius R:  $O(1, 1; \mathbb{Z}) = \mathbb{Z}_2 : R \mapsto \frac{1}{R}$

# Moduli Space of CFT's

$$\frac{O(d, d)}{O(d) \times O(d)} \quad \text{Identified under} \quad O(d, d; \mathbb{Z})$$

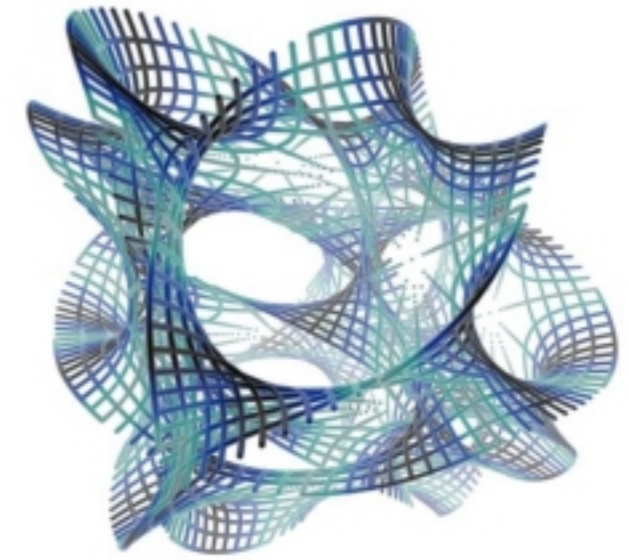
$d^2$  Moduli:  $E=G+B$

T-duality map between equivalent representations of same CFT.

# Non-Geometric String Backgrounds

## Geometric Background

Manifold with tensor fields, fluxes and gauge fields



Duality



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## Non-Geometric Background

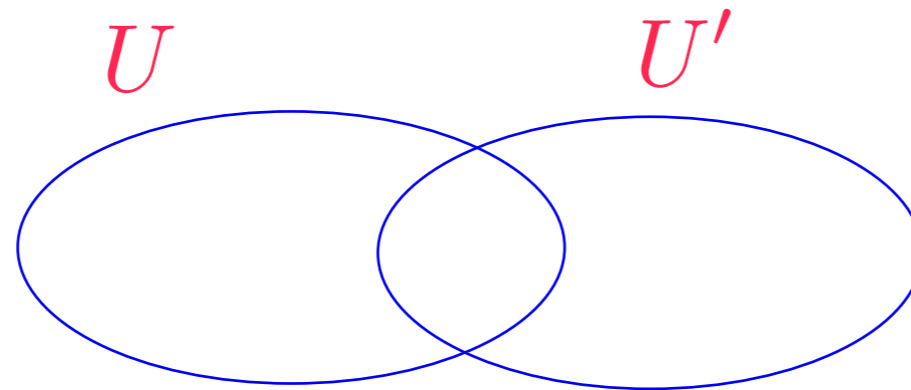
Dualities: stringy symmetries

Usually maps to another geometric background

But sometimes not:

Obstruction to duality?

Or non-geometric background?



Patches glued using geometric symmetries:  
Diffeomorphisms, gauge transformations  
to construct geometric background

If toroidal  
fibration:



T-duality

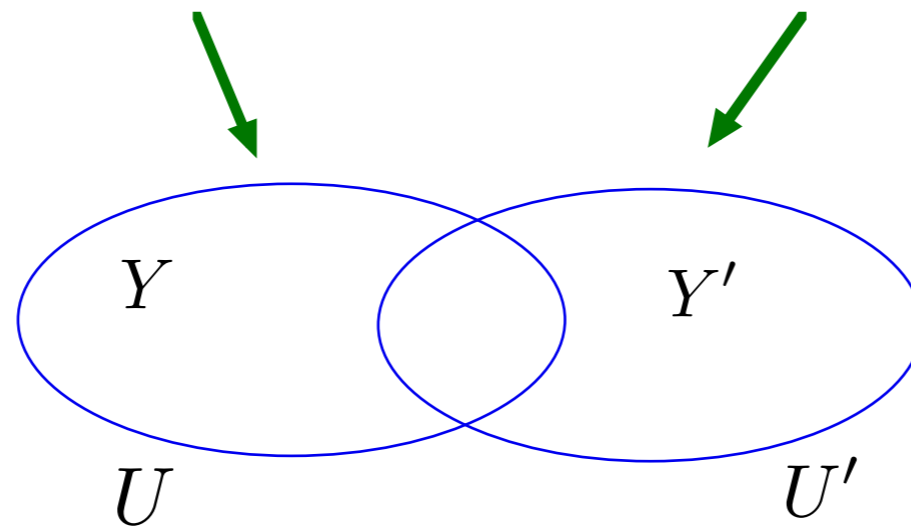
Glue using T-dualities also

**T-fold:** Patching uses T-duality

Physics smooth, as T-duality a symmetry

$E(Y)$  $E'(Y')$ 

Torus  
fibration



Geometric background:  $G, H=dB$  tensorial

**T-fold:** Transition functions involve T-dualities (as well as diffeomorphisms and 2-form gauge transformations)

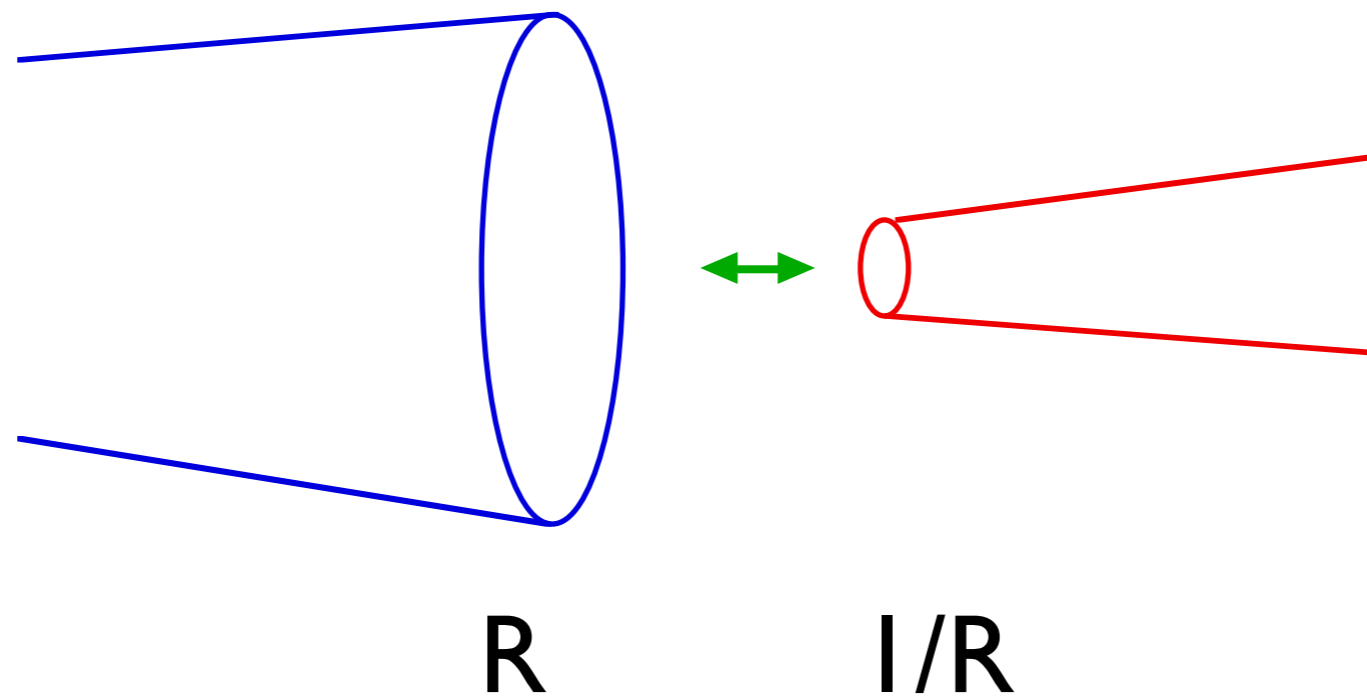
$E=G+B$  Non-tensorial

$$O(d, d; \mathbb{Z}) \quad E' = (aE + b)(cE + d)^{-1} \quad \text{in } U \cap U'$$

Glue using T-dualities also  $\rightarrow$  **T-fold**

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# T-fold patching



Glue big circle (R) to small (I/R)

Glue momentum modes to winding modes

(or linear combination of momentum and winding)

Not conventional smooth geometry

# Non-Geometric Backgrounds

Many consistent non-geometric string backgrounds

Orbifolds, asymmetric orbifolds:

arise in NGB at special points in moduli space

T-folds, U-folds

spaces with torus fibration and T or U duality patching,

Mirror-folds

with CY fibration and mirror symmetry patching



# T-Duality Monodromies Round Degenerate Fibres

S. Hellerman, J. McGreevy and B. Williams 2002

Torus fibration over base

Singularities in base where fibre degenerates

T-duality monodromies round singularities

## Reductions with Duality Twist

A. Dabholkar and C. Hull 2002

Compactify on circle (or torus)

T-duality or U-duality Monodromy round circle(s)

Stringy lift of Scherk-Schwarz

At special points in mod space: assym orbifolds

# Strings on $T^d$

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Need “auxiliary”  $\tilde{X}$  for interacting theory

i) Vertex operators  $e^{ik_L \cdot X_L}, e^{ik_R \cdot X_R}$

ii) String field **Kugo & Zwiebach**  $\Phi[x, \tilde{x}, a, \tilde{a}]$

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**Doubled Torus** 2d coordinates

Transform linearly under  $O(d, d; \mathbb{Z})$

$$X \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{x}^i \\ x^i \end{pmatrix}$$

Doubled sigma model **CMH 0406102**

# Doubled Geometry for T-fold

Hull

$$\mathbb{X}^I = \begin{pmatrix} X^i \\ \tilde{X}_i \end{pmatrix} \quad I = 1, \dots, 2d$$

Transforms linearly under  $O(d, d; \mathbb{Z})$

T-fold transition: mixes  $X, \tilde{X}$

No global way of separating “real” space coordinate  $X$  from “auxiliary”  $\tilde{X}$

Duality covariant formulation in terms of  $\mathbb{X}$

Transition functions  $O(d, d; \mathbb{Z}) \subset GL(2d; \mathbb{Z})$

can be used to construct bundle with fibres  $T^{2d}$

**Doubled space is smooth manifold!**

Sigma Model on doubled space

# Doubled Bundle

$T^{2d}$  bundle: doubled fibre

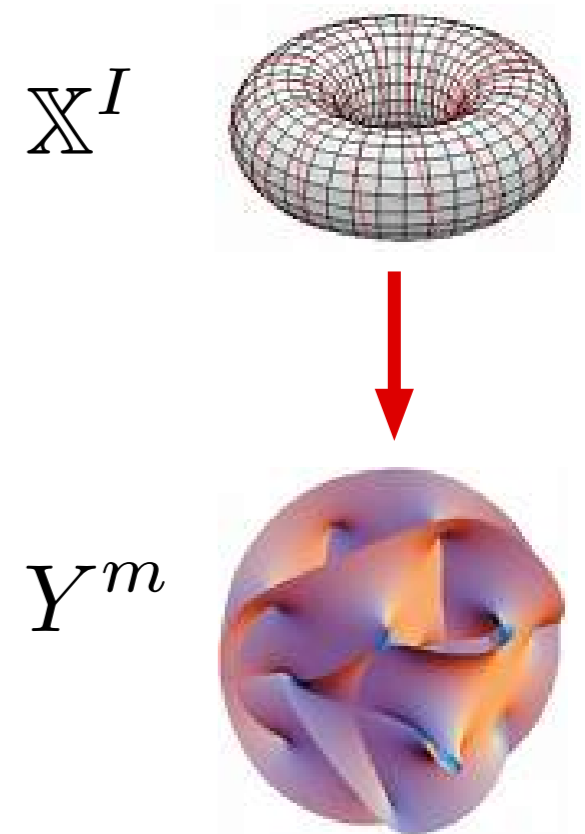
Construct duality-covariant sigma model on doubled space  $(\mathbb{X}^I, Y^m)$

Constraint to halve degrees of freedom on fibre:

$$dX = *d\tilde{X} \quad \text{for free case}$$

$$D\mathbb{X} = S(Y) * D\mathbb{X} \quad \text{for general case}$$

$$S(Y) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} + O(Y) \quad S^2 = 1$$



# Polarisation

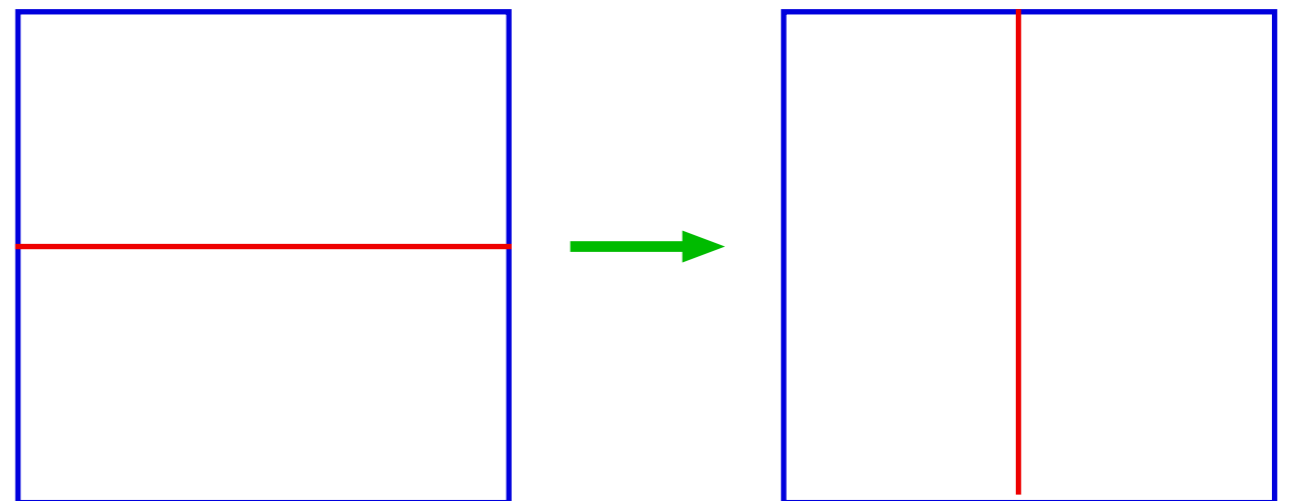
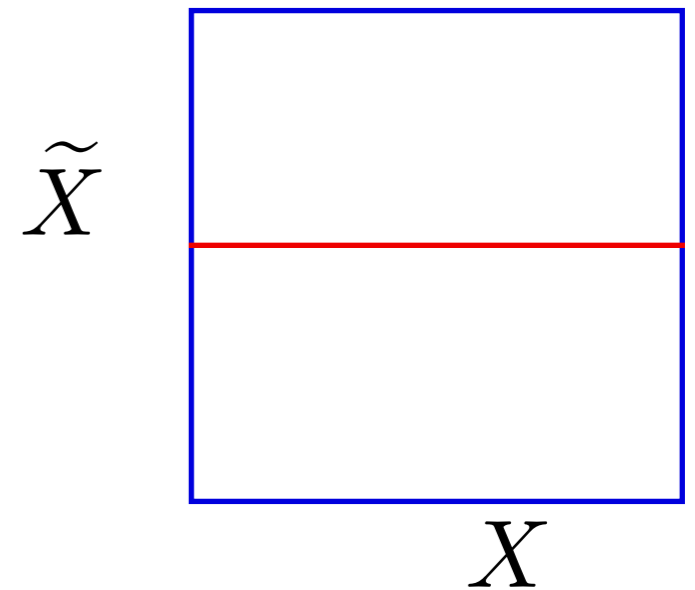
To recover conventional formulation, split into “fundamental” and “auxiliary”:

$$\mathbb{X} \rightarrow \{X^i, \tilde{X}_i\}$$

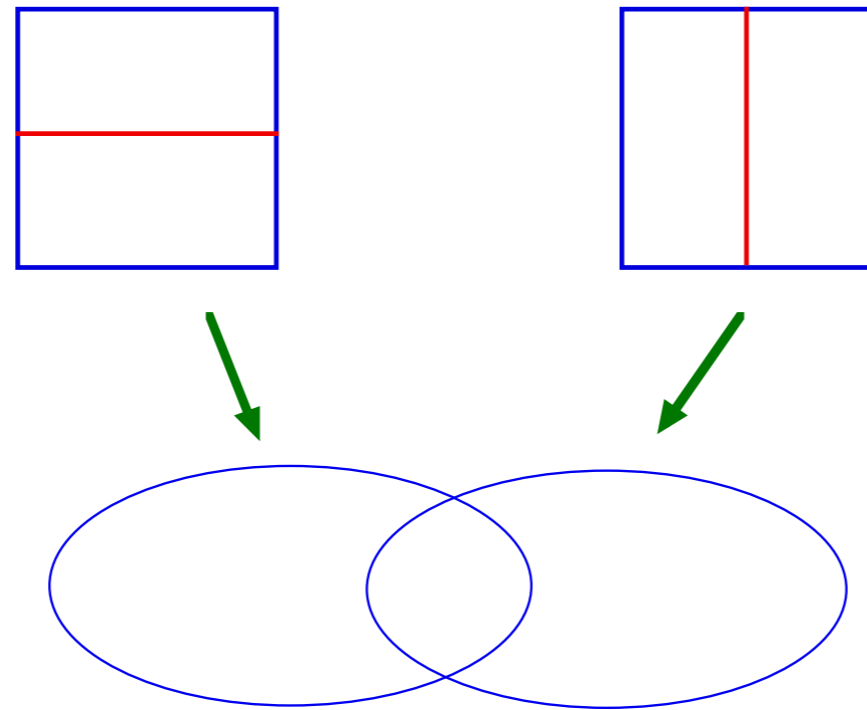
Pick “real spacetime”,  $T^d \subset T^{2d}$

T-duality rotates polarisation.

**T-duality symmetry:  
physics independent of  
polarisation.**



# T-fold



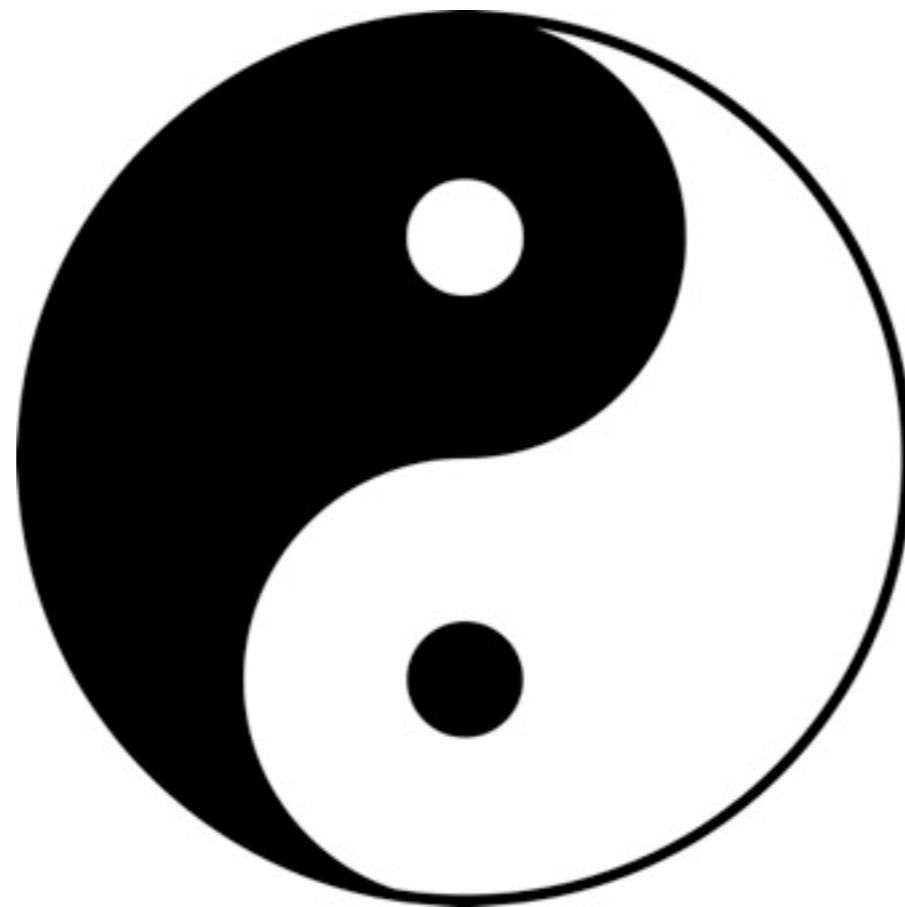
Pick polarisation over each patch in base.

T-duality transitions: polarisation changes from patch to patch.

**Geometric:** there is global spacetime submanifold

**Non-geometric** if there is no global polarisation.

# Double Field Theory



**CMH & Barton Zwiebach** [arXiv:0904.4664](https://arxiv.org/abs/0904.4664), [0908.1792](https://arxiv.org/abs/0908.1792)  
**CMH & BZ & Olaf Hohm** [arXiv:1003.5027](https://arxiv.org/abs/1003.5027), [1006.4664](https://arxiv.org/abs/1006.4664)



# String Theory on a Torus

Infinite set of double fields

$$g_{ij}(x, \tilde{x}), b_{ij}(x, \tilde{x}), \phi(x, \tilde{x}), \dots, C_{ijk\dots l}(x, \tilde{x}), \dots$$

- Fields on double space satisfy differential constraint
- T-duality symmetry
- Coordinates doubled, but tensor indices not
- Each field carries “level numbers”  $N, \bar{N}$

# Free Field Equations (B=0)

$$L_0 + \bar{L}_0 = 2$$

$$p^2 + w^2 = N + \bar{N} - 2$$

$$L_0 - \bar{L}_0 = 0$$

$$p_i w^i = N - \bar{N}$$

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Treat as field equation, kinetic operator in doubled space

$$G^{ij} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^i \partial x^j} + G_{ij} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \tilde{x}_i \partial \tilde{x}_j}$$

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Laplacian for metric

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$$p_i w^i = N - \bar{N}$$

$$ds^2 = G_{ij} dx^i dx^j + G^{ij} d\tilde{x}_i d\tilde{x}_j$$

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$$g_{ij}(x, \tilde{x}), b_{ij}(x, \tilde{x}), \phi(x, \tilde{x})$$

$$N = \bar{N} = 1$$

$$p^2 + w^2 = 0$$

$$p \cdot w = 0$$

**“Double Massless”**

# Torus Backgrounds

$$G_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{\mu\nu} & 0 \\ 0 & G_{ab} \end{pmatrix}, \quad B_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & B_{ab} \end{pmatrix} \quad E_{ij} \equiv G_{ij} + B_{ij}$$

Fluctuations  $e_{ij} = h_{ij} + b_{ij}$

Take  $B_{ij} = 0$   $\tilde{\partial}_i \equiv G_{ik} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}_k}$

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Fluctuations  $e_{ij} = h_{ij} + b_{ij}$

Take  $B_{ij} = 0$   $\tilde{\partial}_i \equiv G_{ik} \frac{\partial}{\partial \tilde{x}_k}$

Usual action  $\int dx \sqrt{-g} e^{-2\phi} \left[ R + 4(\partial\phi)^2 - \frac{1}{12} H^2 \right]$

Quadratic part  $\int dx L[h, b, d; \partial]$

$$e^{-2d} = e^{-2\phi} \sqrt{-g}$$

(d invariant under usual T-duality)

# Double Field Theory Action

$$\mathcal{S}^{(2)} = \int [dx d\tilde{x}] \left[ L[h, b, d; \partial] + L[-h, -b, d; \tilde{\partial}] \right. \\ \left. + (\partial_k h^{ik})(\tilde{\partial}^j b_{ij}) + (\tilde{\partial}^k h_{ik})(\partial_j b^{ij}) - 4d \partial^i \tilde{\partial}^j b_{ij} \right]$$

Action + dual action + strange mixing terms



# Free Double Field Theory Action

$$S^{(2)} = \int [dx d\tilde{x}] \left[ L[h, b, d; \partial] + L[-h, -b, d; \tilde{\partial}] \right. \\ \left. + (\partial_k h^{ik})(\tilde{\partial}^j b_{ij}) + (\tilde{\partial}^k h_{ik})(\partial_j b^{ij}) - 4d \partial^i \tilde{\partial}^j b_{ij} \right]$$

Action + dual action + strange mixing terms

$$\delta h_{ij} = \partial_i \epsilon_j + \partial_j \epsilon_i + \tilde{\partial}_i \tilde{\epsilon}_j + \tilde{\partial}_j \tilde{\epsilon}_i ,$$

$$\delta b_{ij} = -(\tilde{\partial}_i \epsilon_j - \tilde{\partial}_j \epsilon_i) - (\partial_i \tilde{\epsilon}_j - \partial_j \tilde{\epsilon}_i) ,$$

$$\delta d = -\partial \cdot \epsilon + \tilde{\partial} \cdot \tilde{\epsilon} . \quad \text{Invariance needs constraint}$$

Diffeos and B-field transformations mixed.

Invariant cubic action found for full DFT of (h,b,d)



Constrained fields  $\psi(x^\mu, x^a, \tilde{x}_a)$

$$(\Delta - \mu)\psi = 0$$

**Momentum space**  $\psi(p_\mu, p_a, w^a)$   $\Delta = p_a w^a$

**Momentum space: Dimension  $n+2d$**

**Cone:  $p_a w^a = 0$  or hyperboloid:  $p_a w^a = \mu$**

**dimension  $n+2d-1$**

**DFT: fields on cone or hyperboloid, with discrete  $p, w$**

**Problem: naive product of fields on cone do not lie on cone. Vertices need projectors**

Restricted fields: Fields that depend on  $d$  of  $2d$  torus

**momenta, e.g.  $\psi(p_\mu, p_a)$  or  $\psi(p_\mu, w^a)$**

**Simple subsector, no projectors needed, no cocycles.**







